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Subject: Agenda Item – Interlocal Agreement between the City of Durham and the City of Raleigh for Reimbursement for the Scenario Planning Initiative

Executive Summary

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) must develop and adopt an updated Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). These plans must address the interrelationship between landuse and transportation. The work associated with the development of the scenario planning element of the 2040 LRTP is to be completed through consulting services. To ensure that both MPOs in the Triangle develop reasonable and consistent land-use forecasts and scenarios as part of the 2040 LRTP, the DCHC MPO and CAMPO propose to share the costs of these services. This study will be carried out in multiple tasks over two years.

The purpose of this item is to authorize the City Manager to enter an inter-local agreement with the City of Raleigh for the reimbursement of CAMPO's share of the study tasks.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an Inter-local Agreement with the City of Raleigh for reimbursement of CAMPO's share of the Scenario Planning Initiative Study cost in the amount of \$167,000; and, adopt the related Grant Project Ordinance.

Background

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) must develop and adopt an updated Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Federal regulations require the LRTP to be adopted by June 2013, otherwise federal transportation funding to Durham County and parts of Orange County and Chatham County will cease until such adoption occurs. To meet this schedule, the draft plan must be completed and released for public and agency reviews by spring of 2012. The City of Durham Department of Transportation, the Lead Planning Agency (LPA) for the DCHC MPO, is working under a tight schedule to finish development and adoption of the 2040 LRTP by fall of 2012.

Integral elements of the 2040 LRTP development are the land-use estimates and forecasts that must demonstrate consistent and reasonable assumptions of regional growth. To ensure reasonable and consistent land-use forecasts and analysis of scenarios for both Triangle MPOs, DCHC MPO proposes to retain a consultant to complete the scenario planning project and proportionally share the costs with CAMPO based on the respective MPO populations.

The City of Durham has an agreement with Kimley Horn & Associates for developing the LRTP scenario planning initiative for the DCHC MPO and CAMPO. The study project will be carried out in multiple work tasks over the next two years. The total cost of these tasks is estimated at \$238,571. The City of Durham share will be \$71,571.43 (30%) and the City of Raleigh share will be \$167,000.00 (70%)

The Inter-local Agreement will allow the City of Raleigh to reimburse the City of Durham for CAMPO's proportionate share of the cost for the Scenario planning project services agreements.

Alternatives

- A. Authorize the City Manager to execute the attached Inter-local Agreement with the City of Raleigh. Funds will be available to carry out the 2040 Community Viz scenario planning project. The City will be reimbursed for 70% of the project costs, or \$167,000.
- B. Not authorize the City Manager to execute the Inter-local Agreement and the City will not be reimbursed by Raleigh. Consequently, the City will have to increase its contribution in order for the project to move forward. If the City does not provide funding for the project, the DCHC MPO ceases to benefit from further development of the project.

Financial Analysis

The proposed Inter-local Agreement requires the City of Raleigh to reimburse the City of Durham \$167,000, or 70% of the estimated project task costs. The City of Durham's share of the cost for the agreement is \$71,571.43 (30%). These costs are reflected in the adopted 2010-11 Transportation Planning Grants budget.

SDBE Summary

Due to the nature of the agreement an SDBE Summary is not required.

Attachment

Attachment 1 – Interlocal Agreement
Attachment 2 – Grant Project Ordinance